



## CANCER PREVENTION & RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

Award ID:  
PP120211

Project Title:  
Unidas por Vida y Salud: Increasing Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening  
in El Paso

Award Mechanism:  
Evidence-Based Prevention Programs and Services

Principal Investigator:  
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Entity:  
Cancer and Chronic Disease Consortium

### Lay Summary:

The Cancer and Chronic Disease Consortium (CCDC) of El Paso will implement the program "Unidas por Vida y Salud: Increasing Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening in El Paso." We will create a continuum of cancer care that spans primary prevention (education and outreach), secondary prevention (screening services and diagnostic services), and tertiary prevention (treatment services) for uninsured, underserved, and low-income women in El Paso. CCDC is a Texas Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS) contractor with a network of over 64 health care organizations and over 92 providers. Texas BCCS is funded by the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. In addition to the services we provide with BCCS funds, the proposed program will allow us to increase outreach and education, and fill the gaps we have identified in the breast and cervical cancer control continuum. These gaps include access to screening services for uninsured women ineligible through the BCCS program (e.g. women ages 40 through 49,) and increasing repeat screening for women screened through BCCS, but now overdue. The program will also fill gaps in diagnostic services for women with abnormal results, and case management services for women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer to facilitate timely access to treatment care. We will build on our existing promotora program and provide training to promotoras, clinic navigators, and case managers. We will use our local database to identify individuals who are overdue for screening and provide reminders and outreach to them. We will partner with community organizations in the El Paso region, including the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso and the El Paso Community College (GED program), two Federally Qualified Health Centers with nine satellite clinics, and the Texas Tech University Breast Care Center (UBCC) to provide education, direct cancer screening and diagnostic services, and case management for women diagnosed with cancer. We will partner with UT School of Public Health to evaluate the effectiveness of this program in increasing breast and cervical cancer screening and rescreening. This program will leverage BCCS funds, build on the successes of CCDC, and benefit from the outreach infrastructure developed by CCDC and the UTSPH and MD Anderson through the Community Network Program to fill gaps in the current accessibility of screening.